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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: PAN AF TRADE MISSION

REF: (A) ABIDJAN 5997, (B) ACCRA 4509, (C) LAGOS 6502,

-- AND PREVIOUS

1. ALTHOUGH ABIDJAN'S 5997 APPEARED SETTLE ISSUE OF SUBJECT'S ITINERARY, LINGERING CONCERN PROMPTED COMMERCE OIM CALL DARWIN BOLDEN, PRESIDENT OF PANAF (PAN AFRICAN BUSINESS CENTER), LATE AFTERNOON JULY 17. TOLD BOLDEN THAT GHANA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION HAD CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY ACCRA RE PROPOSED TRADE MISSION AND THAT EMBASSY REQUESTED US CONFIRM DATES OF MISSION. BOLDEN RESPONDED THAT GMA HAD DATES WRONG. PANAF PLANS ARRIVE ACCRA JULY 26 ACCORDING TO HIM.

2. ITINERARY AS BOLDEN STATED IT OVER TELEPHONE:

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-- ARRIVE DAKAR AIR AFRIQUE 50 JULY 20

- DEPART DAKAR NIGERIA AIRWAYS 964 JULY 26
- ARRIVE ACCRA JULY 26
- DEPART ACCRA NIGERIA AIRWAYS 956 JULY 31
- ARRIVE LAGOS JULY 31
- REMAIN LAGOS APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS

3. BOLDEN WAS ASKED IF HIS GROUP CONTEMPLATED STOPPING IN ANY OTHER AFRICAN CITIES AND HIS REPLY WAS NO REPEAT NO.

4. BOLDEN, SOUNDING SLIGHTLY ANNOYED, SAID ALL OF ABOVE ITINERARY ALREADY PROVIDED TO U.S. EMBASSIES IN COUNTRIES MISSION TO VISIT. WHEN USDOC CALLER INTIMATED THAT EMBASSY PERHAPS HAD NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED ALL HIS MESSAGES, BOLDEN ADMITTED "SOME MINOR CHANGES" HAD BEEN MADE IN ITINERARY.

5. WHEN ASKED FOR LIST OF FIRMS ON MISSION BOLDEN SAID HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE THAT AT HAND. SAID COMPANY NAMES WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT "BE MEANINGFUL" ANYWAY SINCE SOME MISSION MEMBERS MAY REPRESENT AS MANY AS FOUR FIRMS.

6. STRONGLY URGE THAT EMBASSIES INFORM LOCAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS FIRMS DEAL DIRECTLY WITH PANAF. EMBASSIES SHOULD AVOID GIVING IMPRESSION THAT PANAF MISSION IS IN ANY WAY OFFICIALLY SPONSORED OR APPROVED BY USG. PANAF HAS NOT REPEAT NOT CONTACTED USDOC/OIM TO REQUEST ANY USG ASSISTANCE. AS STATED IN USDOC 9941 ASSUME POSTS WILL RESPOND TO REQUESTS FROM THIS GROUP FOR ASSISTANCE IN MANNER CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING GUIDELINES FOR AMERICAN BUSINESS VISITORS.

7. FURTHER INFO ON PANAF WILL BE PROVIDED LATER CLASSIFIED SEPTEL.

8. FOR DAKAR: THIS FIRST WE KNEW PANAF PLANNED VISIT SENEGAL, CONSEQUENTLY WILL PASS REFTELS SEPARATELY. KISSINGER

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